

House District 18 Representative

Lyn D. Franks, Registered Democrat



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OCCUPATION: UAA Adjunct Instructor, History,
Substitute Teacher for ASD

LENGTH OF RESIDENCY IN ALASKA: 34 years

ALASKAN COMMUNITIES LIVED IN:
Anchorage 1988-2003, Palmer 2003-2005, Anchorage
2005-Present

EDUCATION:
Western Carolina University, B.S. Recreational
Leadership; Minor, History, 1977 M.A. Murray State
University, History, 2011

POLITICAL AND GOVERNMENT POSITIONS:

I am the house district 18 chair and have been a board member and treasurer of the NE Community Council for the last year.

SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS MEMBERSHIPS:

AFACT (Anchorage Faith Action Congregations Together)
Alaska Center
Alaska March On

SPECIAL INTERESTS:

Musician. Kayaker. Exercise enthusiast. And all things outdoors. Mother to three adult children, grandmother to five.

OTHER:

As a former military spouse, I understand the needs of military service members and families in my district.

STATEMENT:

- Protect our democracy
- Protect our environment and use our natural resources wisely
- Protect and support education and educators
- Protect the health of our community

There are those in our legislature who believe that our elections are so fraudulent that they should have the right to overturn your vote. There is no evidence that when our non-partisan election officials announce the election results that they are falsifying the numbers. Our democracy matters. Your vote matters. I'll always stand up for our democratic process.

Climate change is altering everything in our lives, from the destruction of our coastal villages to declining fish populations. We must act quickly to mitigate the damage and adapt to these changing times. The best way to achieve this is to move from oil and gas dependency to sustainable energy and a sustainable food supply. These types of infrastructure will create good paying jobs while protecting the environment.

Our state is experiencing a war on education with the defunding of the university, school board members threatened, and curriculum attacked. Our teachers and students deserve autonomy and protection. All students deserve equity in education. No one should be made to leave their first amendment rights at the door of the schoolhouse. If elected as your state representative, I will do my best to protect teacher/student rights and fight to fully fund state education.